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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Date : October 10, 2001

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Our Docket : SHX 326

For : AUTOMOBILE MOLDING AND FASTENER THEREFOR

Commissioner for Patents
BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the review of the above identified application, please enter the following amendments. As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, applicants have provided a separate marked-up version of the amended claims showing the changes relative to the previous version of those claims (attached).

In the claims:

Please replace claims 6 with the following amended claim 6.

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6. (Amended) An automobile molding according to claim 1, wherein the protrusions that come in contact with said base plate of said fastener are provided projecting out from either side of said insertion groove in said fastener mounting seat.

Please add new claims 18-21, as follows.

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--18. An automobile molding according to claim 2, wherein the protrusions that come in contact with said base plate of said fastener are provided projecting out from